

Linear Trail To Be Completed To Banks Celebration Scheduled for October 29th

The Banks-Vernonia Linear Trail is scheduled to be completed this fall with the development of a new trailhead in the City of Banks.

The trail is being extended the last half mile into Banks and will include one brand new bridge through the new section. The trail will terminate (or start, depending on your perspective) at the new trailhead, at the intersection of Sellers and Banks Roads near Highway 47.

The new trailhead will include twenty-seven parking spaces, a restroom, an informational kiosk and three horse corrals.

"This has been long awaited since we began developing the trail back in the early 90's," said Dan Lucas, Park Manager at LL Stub Stewart State Park, who is also responsible for management of the Banks-Vernonia Trail. "It is exciting to get this piece of the trail done-- it's been a major undertaking."

Lucas was also excited to announce that the last stretch of Banks-Vernonia Trail is being paved this fall.

The three miles between mile seven and ten will no longer be gravel. According to Lucas, the section of trail directly north of the Top Hill trailhead, which has included a very steep and difficult section of trail, is being re-worked and will also be completely paved.

"We're realigning the trail and putting in some switchbacks to reduce the steepness of those grades on the parts that come down to Highway 47," said Lucas.

The new trailhead has been a partnership between Washington County, the City of Banks and Oregon State Parks. According to Lucas, there was some realignment work of streets at the intersection that was part of the construction of the trailhead. The Banks Road railroad crossing also had to be raised eight inches which required going out on either side a quarter mile to gradually raise the tracks. "It was a pretty in-

involved project," said Lucas.

A Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for October 29, 2010, from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and will include a bike and horse ride, entertainment and refreshments to celebrate

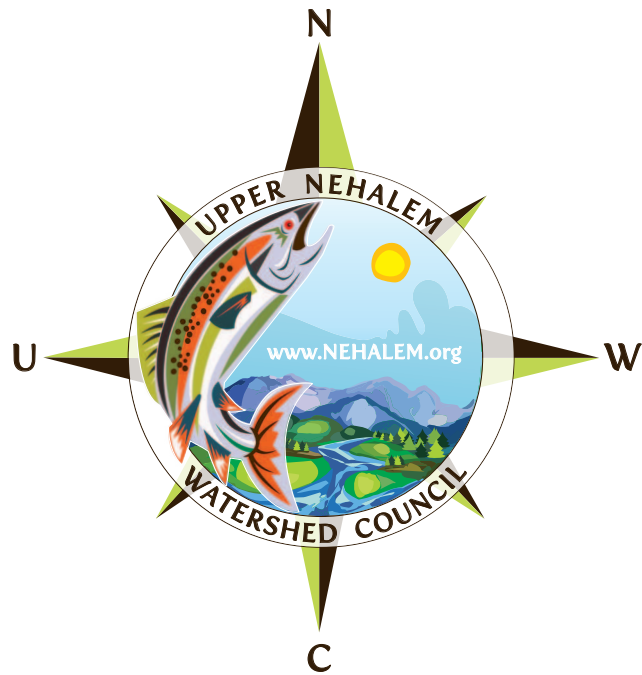
the completion of the trail and the opening of the new trailhead.

Lucas said staff is doing some other work at some of the trailheads. "We're trying to get it looking its best for the Grand Opening," said Lucas.



The new trailhead for the Banks Vernonia Linear Trail was under construction in late September. A Grand Opening is scheduled for October 29 to celebrate the completion of the trail all the way into the City of Banks.

UNWC Gets New Logo



The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC) has a new logo. Designed by flihwright design of Vernonia, the new logo is bright and colorful, shows the beauty and diversity of the area the UNWC oversees and hopefully inspires more local residents to help protect the health of our local watershed.

Shalaina Joiner is the 2011 Miss NPRA

Shalaina Joiner of Clatskanie, Oregon was recently chosen as the 2011 Miss NPRA. The Miss NPRA pageant was held in conjunction with the NPRA Finals held in Elma, Washington. Competing against seven other contestants from all over Oregon and Washington States, Miss Joiner was named the winner.

Shalaina is the daughter of Troy and Karen Joiner and KaCee Joiner. She is a graduate of Mark Morris High School where she competed on the Volleyball and Softball teams, was a member of the school newspaper staff, and mentored lower classmen in the LINK mentor program. She currently is a senior at Washington State University and next spring she will be graduating with her Bachelor's Degree in Personnel Psychology and Human Resource. Shalaina has proudly held two titles. She represented the Columbia County Fair and Rodeo as their 2007 Princess and the Tillamook County Rodeo as their 2008 Queen. Shalaina is employed by L&J Feed of Longview, Washington.

When she is not working, in class, or at a rodeo you can always find her on her family's ranch riding and training horses and enjoying the out-



doors. Her parents bought her first horse when she was just three years old, and ever since she has been 100% American Cowgirl!

Shalaina says that she wanted to be 2011 Miss NPRA because "Rodeo helps preserve our history and the traditional American values of respect, integrity, and resiliency. As an ambassador and role model of the association, Miss NPRA epitomizes these values, working diligently to promote our western heritage. I would be honored to represent the Northwest and keep the cowboy spirit alive."

Weather Data

2009-2010 Vernonia Precipitation Report

Month	Total Precipitation
Oct	5.17
Nov	13.16
Dec	4.6
Jan	8.9
Feb	4.44
Mar	7.55
Apr	6.77
May	4.32
Jun	3.24
Jul	0.21
Aug	0.1
Sep	2.47
Total	60.93"

Information was recorded at Station OR-CB-10, Vernonia 5.4 WNW by Jim Buxton at latitude 45.88017, longitude -123.29465 near Keasey.



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